

California: Flexibility and Easy Access to Teaching Credentials

Route		Preliminary Credential		Professional Credential
<u>Blended Undergraduate Program</u> Candidate completes a blended program of subject matter and teacher preparation as part of a baccalaureate degree.	➡	Subject Matter; Preparation Program; Reading (additional exam for elem. teachers); Student Teaching; *Performance Assessment	➡	2-yr. Induction (One-year challenge option available.)
<u>Intern Program</u> Candidate completes an intern program while teaching in a paid teaching position. (120 hours of preservice preparation is required.)	➡	Baccalaureate Degree; Subject Matter; Preparation Program; Reading (additional exam for elem. teachers); *Performance Assessment	➡	2-yr. Induction (One-year challenge option available.)
<u>Expedited Internship</u> Course work waived through a written test and a field assessment.	➡	Baccalaureate Degree; Teaching Methods Test; Subject Matter; Reading; *Performance Assessment	➡	2-yr. Induction (One-year challenge option available.)
<u>Out-of-State Teacher</u> Waives requirements for teachers prepared in other states. (Varies by number of years of out-of-state experience.) (The few teachers from states not fitting the profile outlined in the next column may receive a CA credential by providing evidence that subject matter, preparation courses and student teaching requirements have been met.)	➡	Baccalaureate Degree Verification of Out-of-State Credential <u>3 or more years experience:</u> 2 out-of-state evaluations; <u>Less than 3 years experience:</u> Preparation found comparable to CA.	➡	<u>5 years exp.:</u> 150 hours professional development; <u>3 years exp.:</u> 2-yr. Induction; (One-year challenge option available.) <u>Less than 3 years exp.:</u> 2-yr. Induction; (One-year challenge option available.)
<u>Graduate Program</u> Candidate earns a baccalaureate degree and completes teacher education in a graduate program.	➡	Baccalaureate Degree; Subject Matter; Preparation Program; Reading (additional exam for elem. teachers); Student Teaching; *Performance Assessment	➡	2-yr. Induction (One-year challenge option available.)

* Postponed due to university budget constraints

Notes: Passage of a basic skills test and fingerprint clearance are required for all California credentials.
All California preparation programs must be state accredited and all must meet the same high standards.